

From what I can learn since I wrote the within, I think
 there is no doubt that the meeting house at Fowlesville, was
 set on fire by an incendiary, on account of its having been
 occupied for my lectures. This is going farther than anything
 I have heard of yet. I esteem it next to murder. I should
 dislike to meet the man in the night who set fire to it.
 There was no objection made to its occupancy for the lectures, &
 seven eighths of the congregation were decidedly in favor of its
 being used. I regret it much, for the Church is small,
 & have been struggling for some time to build their house.

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 Care of E. Wright Jr.
 (who will please forward)

Wm. Cook City.

taken a pretty strong hold in this town. Its march
is onward in all this region. God speeds it to the
triumph! Weld did nobly at Rochester. More than
800 new members united with the Anti Slavery
Societies in the City before he left. He is now in
Lockport. From thence, to R., H., Auburn, or — can't tell.

Who is to speak at the Anniversary? Ly. Gerrit Smith?
Dr. Baues, Bro. Storr & Elder Galesha, I understand are selected.
Weld was also selected, but he declines. He will not be in
N. York. I am sorry. Dr. H., S., & G., I am fearful will not
sustain the interest as it should be. Galesha will make a
medium speech — excellent if he will ~~be~~ lay himself out for it.
But, he is ^{sustained} ~~governed~~ more by impulse & circumstances, than original
& profound thought. You know how Storr & D. H. will speak.

Will these answer? Don't we

need another heavy man
like Smith or Beman?

What think you of Bro. J. T. Woodbury? Bring a Jackson
man, & the brother of the Secretary of the Treasury, would he not
add weight? — My best love to your very kind wife &
mother, & to "little Neddy" also. I hope to meet you in
N. Y. in May, the Lord willing. Yours in bonds with the
bound, A. B. Stanton

regions were very pressing: & so, Weld wrote to brother Wright
stating the whole case, & he returned for an answer that
I might remain here till May. Communicating
at the same time that you was about to leave
Conn. to take charge of the press in N. York.

I am just about to return to Monroe Co. from a
short tour in this County. I have lectured in
Mt. Morris, Roseton & Fowlerville, & the Lord has
blessed his truth in all those places. Last
night I lectured in Fowlerville, a small village
in this town, in a very pretty Congregational Meeting
house of good size. Had a respectable audience
who gave good attention for nearly two hours.

Some low fellows were lurking about, partly intoxicated,
swearing against Abolition &c. I left the village
after the lecture, to return to the house of the friend
with whom I was staying. This morning, I
hear that the house in which I lectured, is a
heap of ashes! Whether or not it is the work
of an incendiary, I know not. Abolitionism has

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G. B. Stanton

Dear brother Phelps,

If I had not supposed that you had heard by way of Mr. Wright where I was & what I was about, I should not have been so much & so long at ease in regard to writing to you.

When I arrived at N. York, I persuaded them to let me visit Bro. Weld at Utica. On my arrival at Utica, W. was just about to start for Rochester.

I visited him mainly to get his Bible views of Slavery. I could not accomplish this at Utica.

So I started with him for R. Having arrived at R. & gone thro. the subject with him, we concluded it was not best for me to go East till May, for the following reasons - viz: - They

had abandoned the idea of organizing a State Society in Conn. before May, & so, there was no pressing necessity for my laboring in that field immediately: - the travelling was very bad: I had quite a severe inflammation of the throat: - I was 350 miles from Hartford: - the calls for labor in this

You probably have seen Rev. H. J. Johnson's Exposition of Sentences 25c. 44c. 50c. in the N. Y. Evangelist. We heard Weld lecture on that subject about a year ago. We took no notes, & probably, has, in detecting to give Weld's Exposition from memory. He has mangled it dreadfully - has left out some material facts, & made many mistakes, &c. &c.